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Deep Cuts to NASA Goddard Face Bipartisan Opposition in Congress

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

President Trump's budget request would drastically cut NASA – including a 50 percent cut to NASA Science that would remove nearly half (48 percent) of the approximately 1,700 civil servants at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), warned Goddard Engineers, Scientists and Technicians Association (GESTA), the union representing GSFC federal workers. There appears to be broad Congressional support for a budget that would avoid such cuts. However, last week a Senate bill that would bolster GSFC's funding was waylaid by a battle over the future of another site with great significance to Greenbelt: the FBI Headquarters.

Congress' Support
On July 10, the Senate Appropriations Committee amended the NASA Science budget to return it



Goddard Space Flight Center is primarily funded by the NASA Science budget.

to existing levels, rejecting Trump Administration cuts which would reduce NASA's Science budget from \$7.3 billion to \$3.9 billion.

NASA's Science budget is the primary funding source for GSFC. However, Republicans began withdrawing their support for the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) bill following Senator Chris Van Hollen's (D-Md.) successful amendment to prevent funds being spent on an FBI headquarters in D.C.

On Monday, July 14, the House Appropriations Committee, also with bipartisan agreement, set their version at \$6 billion for NASA Science. The bill was to be considered in subcommittee on July 15.

The current Senate version of the bill would cut \$60 million from NASA Science and the House bill would cut

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2024 Outstanding Citizen Meetre Still Works Behind the Scenes

by Farinaz Firouzi



2024 Outstanding Citizen Cathie Meetre, right, receives a citation from Mayor Emmett Jordan, center, while Outstanding Citizen Committee Chair Bob Zugby applauds.

When Cathie Meetre arrived at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival's opening ceremony last year, she was in for quite a shock. She was thinking her family was inviting her for an evening out for

dinner when in reality she was to receive the 2024 Outstanding Citizen award. Now a year later, she reflects on the humor of it

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Indoor Pool Deck and Wading Pool Repairs Are on Schedule

by Will Hammann

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center indoor pool remains on schedule to reopen no later than September 29, according to Andrew Phelan, assistant director of Recreation Facilities and Operations.

Phelan said there have been no significant setbacks to the indoor pool deck repair project, and he is confident the pool reopening will not be delayed. The outdoor pool will remain open for the full duration of the project.

In addition, repairs are underway to address a leak in the infant wading pool, which has

long needed repair. The wading pool is an outdoor one, located in the corner closest to the Community Center.

The wading pool has operated intermittently for several years as a result of the leak, according to Phelan, but costs to repair it were lower than anticipated after the leak's source was confirmed, allowing funds for the repair to finally be allocated.

Will Hammann is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.



Pool deck repairs are underway at Greenbelt's indoor pool, which is scheduled to reopen no later than September 29.

Senate Blocks Funding for Trump's FBI HQ in D.C., Supporting Greenbelt

by Ellie Jornlin



In November 2022 politicians from across Prince George's County and the State of Maryland gathered at Greenbelt Metro Station in support of its selection as the site of the FBI headquarters.

What Goes On

Monday, July 21
No Council Meeting: Summer Recess
Wednesday, July 23
No Council Meeting: Summer Recess

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.

The Senate Appropriations Committee voted last week to approve an amendment that would block the Trump administration from relocating the FBI headquarters to anywhere other than Greenbelt.

The current FBI headquarters is housed in the aging J. Edgar Hoover Building in Washington, D.C. While there is broad agreement that the agency needs a more secure and modern facility, debate over where to move it has dragged on for years.

The Trump administration and FBI officials announced plans earlier this month to redirect the \$555 million set aside to build the FBI headquarters in Greenbelt, instead using the money to move the headquarters to the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

"Moving to the Ronald Reagan Building is the most cost effective and resource efficient

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Letters to the Editor

Helping Each Other And the Farmers!

The Greenbelt Farmers Market (GFM) would like to thank all patrons who agreed to round-up at the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy during the month of June and who donated at our table on the Co-op ramp. You helped us raise almost \$3,000. We also learned that the Greenbelt Community Foundation has awarded GFM a \$4,500 grant. Together, these funds will be used to increase the SNAP match at the Farmers Market for an extra \$10 match. We anticipate serving at least 200 families. Those who receive SNAP or FMNP benefits, come as usual to the Info Table to receive the extra \$10 Greenbelt local match.

The Board of the Greenbelt Farmers Market would like to thank Dan Gillotte and the Board of the Co-op for having chosen GFM for the Round-up Program.

Suzette Agans for the Board of Directors, Greenbelt Farmers Market

Real Greenbelt Fans

This week, Teresa and I were reminded, again, of one of the many blessings of living in this community: the employees of Greenbelt and all the services they provide so well.

The reminder was a small thing. A tree in front of our house fell over, partly into the road. I had to chain-saw it into pieces, creating a pile on my front lawn for pickup by Public Works. I made the call and left a message. The next day the pile of branches was gone, without a twig left on the lawn.

The day before, Public Works picked up our trash and recycling on time and cleanly, despite the extraordinary heat. Just two days before that I had interactions with two of the employees of the Aquatic & Fitness Center: compe-

tent, friendly and caring, as they invariably are. Teresa enjoyed her pottery class at the Community Center. Walking to and from these activities, we passed the Youth Center bustling with programs. And on the Fourth of July holiday, the city team put on the terrific fireworks show they always do.

We moved here eight years ago. One of the constants has been how well this city is run, how much it offers the residents, and the quality, service and attitude of the Greenbelt staff. Thank you! As Teresa said this morning: “I’m a real fan of Greenbelt!”

David K. Aylward

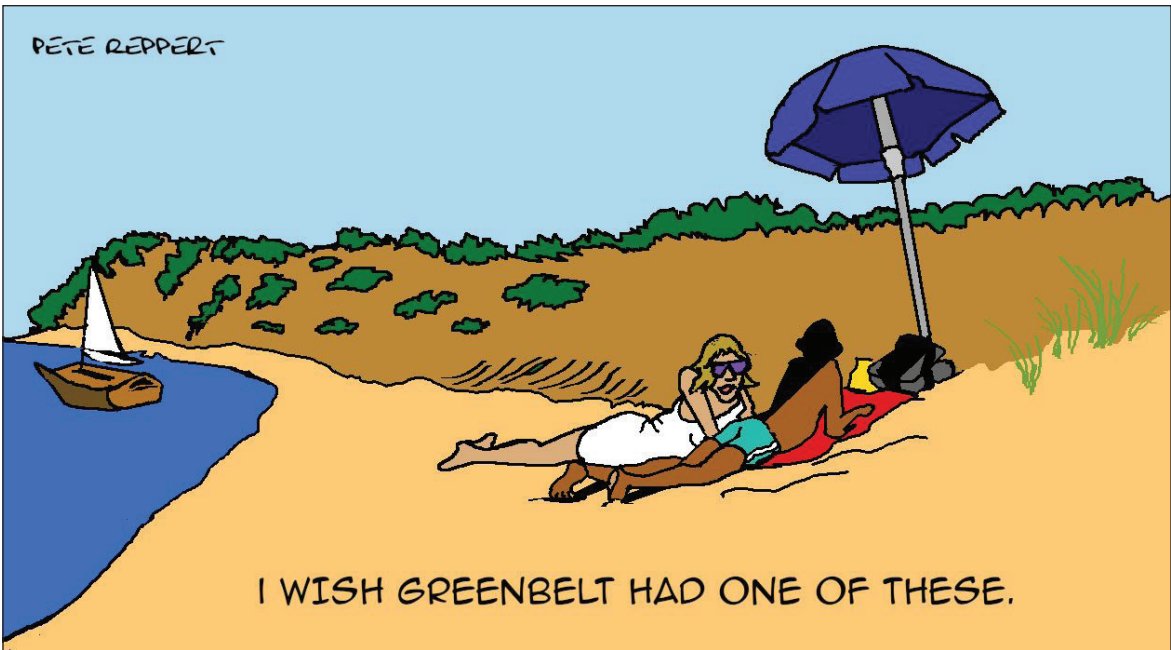
Eagle Scout Project Benefits Youth Center

I am writing to share my Eagle Scout Project. As a resident of the City of Greenbelt for my whole life, I wanted to use my project to give back to my community. I helped to improve the outdoor area of the Greenbelt Youth Center by building two picnic tables and clearing out invasive plants around the patio area behind the building. I worked with volunteers from Scout Troop 214B to do this work.

For many years, I have enjoyed being a part of the many activities at the Youth Center, including Camp Pine Tree, Camp YOGO and Teen Takeover. When I was a camper, we used to have picnic tables outside where we ate food and played games. Over time, the tables began to fall apart and eventually had to be removed. My project was to build and sand new tables for all people to use, whether they’re campers at summer camps or other people who use the space for various activities.

I would like to thank the many volunteers from my scout

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Superman (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2025) (129 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:25 PM, 8:15 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM, 7:50 PM
Sun. 2:20 PM (OC), 5:15 PM
Tue. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 4:45 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Mon. 2:20 PM, 5:15 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM

F1: The Movie (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2025) (155 mins)
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Mon. 1:45 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Wed. 6:40 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 4:45 PM, 8:00 PM
Sat. 4:45 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 1:45 PM, 5:00 PM
Tue. 6:30 PM
Thurs. 7:00 PM

Storytime on Screen - Free!
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 10:30 AM-11:15 AM

Song of the Sea (PG) (2014) (93 mins)
School's Out! - FREE
Sponsored by Labbe Family Orthodontics
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Thurs. 1:00 PM

Tangerine (R) (2015) (88 mins)
Cult Classic - In celebration of Art House Theater Day
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Thurs. 7:30 PM

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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Superman

When Superman (David Corenswet) gets drawn into conflicts at home and abroad, his actions are questioned, giving tech billionaire Lex Luthor the opportunity to get the Man of Steel out of the way for good. Will intrepid reporter Lois Lane (Rachel Brosnahan) and Superman’s four-legged companion, Krypto, be able to help him before it’s too late? Said critic Coleman Spilde of Salon.com, “It is genuinely heartening to see a movie this massive refuse to shy away from how divided and broken our world is.”

F1: The Movie

Sonny Hayes (Brad Pitt) was Formula 1’s most promising phenom of the 1990s until an accident on the track nearly ended his career. Thirty years later, he’s a nomadic racer-for-hire when he’s approached by his former teammate Ruben Cervantes (Javier Bardem), owner of a struggling Formula 1 team that is on the verge of collapse. Ruben convinces Sonny to come back to Formula 1 for one last shot at saving the team and being the best in the world. As the engines roar, Sonny’s past catches up with him and he finds that in Formula 1, your teammate is your fiercest competition – and the road to redemption is not something you can travel alone.

Song of the Sea

In this animated feature, an Irish youth (David Rawle) discovers that his mute sister is a selkie who must find her voice and free supernatural creatures from the spell of a Celtic goddess (Fionnula Flanagan).

Tangerine

A cult classic, the film tells the story of a transgender sex worker who finds out that her boyfriend/pimp cheated on her while she was in jail and sets out with her best friend to find him and teach him and his new lover a lesson.

Community Events

Motiva Public Art Postponed Again

The public art dedication planned for Friday, July 18 at the Motiva Apartment community has been postponed. It will now be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 10.

Museum Lecture On Lenore Thomas

The Greenbelt Museum’s quarterly lecture series continues in July with a talk entitled Lenore Thomas: Artist and Civil Rights Ally. In this talk, Lauren Arrington explores Thomas’ career as an artist, using the silences in Thomas’ archive to speak to her work for social justice. The talk will explore Thomas’ cancelled anti-lynching sculpture in the context of the sculpture friezes that she created for Greenbelt, one of the first planned towns in the United States. The talk will take place via Zoom on Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m. To register, visit the Museum’s Eventbrite page at <https://tinyurl.com/mwe5e45f>. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the lecture.

Arrington is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Public Scholars award, the Robert and Ina Caro Award from Biographers International Organization and visiting fellowships to the New York Public Library and Cambridge University, among others. Her doctorate is from Oxford University. This talk on Thomas draws from Arrington’s new book, forthcoming from St. Martin’s Press next year.

This event is free and is sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Bibliophiles Book Discussion Aug. 13

The Bibliophiles of Greenbelt, a nonfiction history book group, invites the community to read and join in a discussion led by Rex Weingarten of the book You Are Not American: Citizenship Stripping from Dred Scott to the Dreamers, by Amanda Frost. The discussion will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13 at the New Deal Café.

The entire community is invited to read along, even if they can’t attend the meeting – the Bibliophiles hope to build community through shared reading, books, ideas and ideals.

For more information, visit their Facebook page at: Bibliophiles of Greenbelt, the New Deal Café events calendar or email wvcaldwell@gmail.com (put Bibliophile in the subject line).

John Lewis Make Good Trouble Event

On Thursday evening, July 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Resistance Support Group is sponsoring a Good Trouble Lives On event in memory of civil rights icon John Lewis. This national day of action is on the anniversary of his death.

Protesters will assemble at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and march to Buddy Attick Park via Cherrywood and Ivy Lanes, and cross Kenilworth Avenue to Buddy Attick Park on Crescent Road.

Good Trouble Lives On is a national day of nonviolent action to respond to the attacks posed on civil and human rights by the Trump administration and to remind them that, in America, the power lies with the people. Attendees are encouraged to bring signs, noisemakers and respect for a peaceful, orderly protest.

Pride Parade Saturday And More July Events

Emerald City Pride 2025, organized by The SPACE Free Art for All and honoring the legacy of Councilman Ric Gordon, continues its summer of joy, resilience, and inclusive community love with more events this month.

Friday, July 18 – “Come As You Are” Family Game Night at The SPACE, 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 19 – Pride Parade & Festival! Parade at 11 a.m. at Spellman Overpass and Festival at Roosevelt Center, 12 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 20 – Community Potluck and Drum Circle at Schrom Hills Park, 2 to 4 p.m

Greenbelt Chess Club Meets on Tuesday

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesday, July 22 at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. To be added to their mailing list, go to tinyurl.com/ycy2nz4m and complete the brief form. Email questions to greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com.

Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center.

Here is the schedule of meetings for July.

July 23 – Bingo.

July 30 – Speaker, Daphne Silver, author of cozy mysteries, including Crime and Parchment and The Tell-Tale Homicide.

Collaborative Mosaic Art

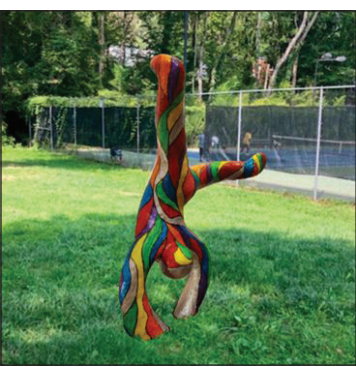


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The proposed sculpture should look something like this.

Join the crew from Empact Art and the Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program for free workshops coming up on Sunday, August 3 and Wednesday, August 6. At both events, help create the mosaic skin that will adorn the surface of the new sculpture Joy, a cartwheeling figure being constructed for the Braden Athletic Complex. This activity is fun and accessible for participants of all levels, though younger participants may need the support of a collaborating adult. All workshops will take place at the Community Center. August 3 is an Artful Afternoon, and the all-ages workshops on this date will meet in the Ground Floor East space starting at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Enter by the flagpole off the traffic circle. The August 6 event is offered especially for seniors. Co-hosted by the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, this workshop will meet in Room 201 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Guests are encouraged to sign up in advance for either workshop at sugeni.us/VBCo.



Français, s’il vous plaît: French at the Café

A group of people interested in speaking French meets at the New Deal Café every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All ages, all levels of fluency are welcome.

Free Summer Run Series for All

Prince George’s Running Club (PGRC) announces the return of its free, fun and family-friendly Summer Fun Run Series, held every Thursday evening from July 10 through August 14 at Buddy Attick Park in Greenbelt. Whether you’re a seasoned runner, casual jogger or looking for a fun way to move with the kids, PGRC welcomes participants of all ages and all paces.

Each week at 7 p.m., runners, walkers and families will gather for a relaxed and supportive “choose-your-own-adventure” style run. Participants can select a 1.75-mile loop (one lap) or opt for a 3.1-mile route (two laps) – and change it up week to week based on mood, weather or personal goals. “The Summer Fun Run Series is one of our favorite ways to connect with the community,” said a PGRC spokesperson. “It’s a great opportunity to get outdoors, enjoy the lake and move at one’s own pace – with no pressure and plenty of encouragement.” This series is open to everyone, club members and non-members alike, and provides a perfect chance to enjoy the scenic trails of Buddy Attick Park, build healthy habits and meet fellow community members.

For more information, visit pgrc.org or follow PGRC on social media. PGRC is a welcoming, inclusive community of runners and walkers in Prince George’s County. The club offers group runs, races, training programs and social events year-round, promoting health, fitness and fellowship through running.

Get Ready For Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

Registration is now open for the Art and Photo Shows, Information Day and the Labor Day Parade. Visit greenbeltlaborday.com for more information.



Stamp Out Hunger Close to Home

To help keep the shelves stocked at the St. Hugh’s food pantry, where the need is high in these uncertain times and with school lunches unavailable, Greenbelt PORCH will pick up nonperishable food placed on porches as scheduled below.

Saturday, July 19 – by 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

Sunday, July 20 – by 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village and for PAL (PORCH at large) members, including former Woodland Hill donors. Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler by noon on July 20 at SpreadRUAK@gmail.com. He will come to your porch.

Sunday, July 20 – by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Sunday, July 27– by 4 p.m. for 11-S Ridge Road, 14 and 16 Courts Ridge Road, and 8 and 10 Courts Southway.

Greenbelt WORKS: A July Job Party

Do you have a job and want to help out-of-work neighbors find jobs with dignity? We all know it’s WHO you know that is what gets you that job.

A committed group of employed Greenbelters is forming to host job parties once a month – in-person parties where we work together to match five selected Greenbelters at a time with employment opportunities. You can join us. Email greenbeltcores@gmail.com and we will invite you to a private LinkedIn group where organizing will happen. Greenbelters who have 500 or more LinkedIn contacts are especially helpful. Your connections can be the difference in helping your neighbors find work.

We are looking to host our first job party by the end of July.

More Community Events
are located throughout
the paper.

Featured Programming on Greenbelt Access Television

★ July 2025 ★

Verizon FiOS Channel 19 • Comcast Channel 77 • Streaming Online at GreenbeltAccessTV.org

New Productions This Month

Premiering on our station this weekend: the Hass Family Benefit Concert, featuring performances from beloved Greenbelt musicians. You can catch it on our channel every day at 9am, 3pm, and 8pm!

Other notable productions include the Green Man Arts Reception at the New Deal Cafe, and collaborative stop-motion animations from Creative Kids Camp Session !

All this and more on our cable channels, online streaming, and YouTube channel. As always, thank you for tuning in!

This Week at the New Deal Café

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TH 7/17	FRI 7/18	SAT 7/19	SUN 7/20	
FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Classic Jam with The Low Rent Quartet 7 - 9pm Jam at the NDC!	Strange Souls: The Doors Reimagined 8 - 11pm Tribute band captures the essence of The Doors	POETRY OPEN MIC, 1 - 3pm Tommy Lepson & The Bad Dawgs 8 - 11pm Features 11-time WAMMIE winner	ASL BRUNCH, 1030a-12noon Grateful Sunday Featuring Dawg & Dell 6 - 8pm Psychedelic jam band that plays Grateful Dead and more!	
MON 7/21	TUES 7/22	WED 7/23	TH 7/24	New Deal Cafe
REEL & MEAL 6:30 - 9pm A monthly social justice & environmental film series	Open Mic w/ Carla Monardes 6:30 - 9:30pm Sign-ups at 6:15pm Show us your stuff!	Blue Spruce 7 - 9pm A dynamic bluegrass band with exciting vocals & instrumentations	FRENCH CONVERSATION, 5:30p - 6:30pm Karen Collins & the Backroads Band 7 - 9pm One of DC's top honky-tonk bands	IT'S THE CAFE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY! Visit our donations page to help fund our October celebration festival!

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Obituaries

Pamela Lambird



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Pamela Lambird

It's been a year since Pamela Lambird, 72, of Greenbelt and Mt. Dora, Fla., died on July 12, 2024, in Greenbelt. A resident of Greenbelt for over 25 years and a recent resident of Florida, she was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Montgomery County.

Pamela attended the University of Maryland and was the first in her extended family to graduate from college. She worked in a wide variety of jobs, from owning a day care center to managing a county recreation park in Florida to working for the City of Greenbelt, first for the Finance Department and then for Planning and Community Development. While working for the city she volunteered at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter where she cared for the animals and eventually adopted two cats. She retired from the city in 2013 and enjoyed giving back to the community by joining Greenbelt CERT and volunteering with the Bowie Community Theatre.

After she retired, she became a certified senior fitness instructor helping seniors stay active through classes at local adult centers. She joined many clubs: Toastmasters, the Red Hat Society, Mahjong and various knitting groups. Pamela and her husband were very active in the local dance community.

A lifelong artist, Pamela enjoyed painting and creating art projects. After retirement she could be found most days taking her morning daily walk or swimming at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center. She had a winning smile and was very much loved. She will be missed.

Pamela is survived by her husband, Steven M. Lambird, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Cassandra.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

Henry Haslinger



PHOTO COURTESY BORGWARDT FUNERAL HOME

Henry D. Haslinger

Henry Daniel Haslinger died on July 10, 2025, at Casey House in Rockville. He was born to Joseph and Henrietta Haslinger on December 2, 1948, the seventh of 10 children. He grew up in Greenbelt and graduated from St. Hugh's School, DeMatha Catholic High School and the University of Maryland, where he majored in business.

Henry worked for many years as a right-of-way specialist for Prince George's County, and later as a consultant. He volunteered at WAMU radio for 40 years and was active in many local Greenbelt committees. He loved baseball and lacrosse, covering the University of Maryland lacrosse team for WMUC, the college radio station.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Rev. Joseph T. Haslinger, Jr. and John Paul Haslinger and his sisters Joan Haslinger Mohan and Mary Haslinger Rogers. He is survived by siblings Henrietta Bradley,

Robert (Karen), Nancy (James Johnson), Thomas (Joanne Colt) and Andrea (Gary Solis); sister-in-law Betsy Mewshaw; brother-in-law Greg Rogers; many nieces and nephews and friend Molly Lester.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Hugh of Grenoble on Tuesday, July 15, followed by interment at Greenbelt Cemetery.

Donations in Henry's memory may be made to DeMatha Catholic High School or WAMU.

Contemplative Prayer Group Meets Tuesdays

A contemplative prayer group meets on Tuesdays at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, 1 Hillside Road, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This gathering is a time to pray in silence for oneself, others and the world. It nurtures inner and outer peace and reinforces the oneness of all people and creation.

The format for this group is an opening introduction, 30 minutes of silence and then some sharing. All are welcome to attend from all denominations and faith traditions. For more information, email Patience Robbins at patience.robbins@gmail.com.

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PGCPS Offers Free Meals for Children

Beginning in July, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will provide free meals to children 18 and younger on a first-come, first-served basis. This is separate from meals provided to children in summer programs. No registration or enrollment in the program is required. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The closest sites to Greenbelt are in Beltsville. Calverton Elementary School, 3400 Beltsville Road, will serve hot meals until July 31 from Monday to Friday - breakfast between 9 and 9:30 a.m. and lunch between 12:30 and 1 p.m. Bagged lunches will be offered at the Beltsville Library, 4319 Sellman Road, until August 7, Monday to Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. Find the complete list of sites and service times here: pgcps.org/offices/food-and-nutrition/summer-meals. Find an interactive map for locating children's meals at mars.msde.maryland.gov/mars_sitesearch/.



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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

www.greenbeltbahais.org

The Bible Says...

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Psalm 56:3



Sunday Worship Services

10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School
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July 20, 2025 at 3 p.m.

X Factor

Anthony Jenkins

In the spirit of our July theme (Pilgrimage), we'll explore pilgrimage as a deeply impactful factor in the life (and death) of Malcolm X.

Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

City Notes

At a Hunting Ridge community meeting, Constituent Services and Code Enforcement addressed rodent concerns.

The grant coordinator, CARES director and police strategized about grant funding for the Crisis Intervention Team.

Economic Development visited 26 businesses, hosted a Nonprofit Roundtable (networking with 28 nonprofit leaders) and attended an event where the Maryland Secretary of Commerce met with county business leaders.

Code Enforcement inspected 39 rentals and attended state training on food truck fire suppression.

Animal Control fulfilled 19 requests and sheltered two cats, six kittens, a dog and a puppy. The spay/neuter grant has issued 40 vouchers and redeemed 14.

Facilities Maintenance installed a hot water tank at the Community Center. Horticulture/Parks constructed concrete forms for memorial plaques.

Recreation, Arts, Rangers, Museum and Community Center staff facilitated Kinder Camp, Creative Kids Camp, Circus Camp and Camp Encore.

Park Rangers and Recreation oversaw pavilion construction at Buddy Attick Park.

CARES Director addressed the Maryland Youth Justice Coalition.

At the Library

Greenbelt Library’s regular hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

Storytimes

Friday, July 18, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/13749402.

Wednesday, July 23, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/13749347.

Thursday, July 24, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/13749379.

Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, July 19, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bust a move and shake the sillies out. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop. Register at pgcmls.info/event/13749273.

Storytime on Screen

Monday, July 21, 10:30 a.m., ages 1 to 5, at the Greenbelt Cinema. Greenbelt Cinema, in partnership with the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System, is offering a free program of stories, songs and a short film. No unaccompanied children or adults. Register at pgcmls.info/event/13749303.

Passports

Greenbelt Library serves as a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility. Applications are accepted by appointment only; schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting pgcmls.info/passport-services. Customers may call the Greenbelt Library directly at 301-345-5800 for their reference inquiries and to book passport service appointments during regular Library operating hours.

Crisis Hotline’s Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is 988. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR JULY 21-25

Monday, July 21, **NO MEETING - SUMMER RECESS**

Wednesday, July 23, **NO MEETING - SUMMER RECESS**

Wednesday, July 23 at 7 pm, **COMMUNITY MEETING - CEMETERY MASTER PRESERVATION PLAN**

Thursday, July 24, **FOUR CITIES MEETING (NEW CARROLLTON)**

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

FEATURED PET - ROSE

Ready for Adoption? Call (301) 474-6124.

Her name may be Rose, but this sweet lady has no thorns! 11-year-old Rose was surrendered a few weeks ago after living with her previous owners her whole life. She was pretty scared being back at the shelter, but Rose really blossomed! She is SO affectionate and warms up to new people quickly with loud purrs and asking for belly rubs. Since Rose may be nervous in new or loud environments, she may do best in a quieter home (she also gets along well with other cats!).

If you're interested in meeting this sweet Rose, call (301) 474-6124 or email us at animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov!



JOIN THE CHARTER REVIEW TASKFORCE

Are you passionate about shaping the future of our city? Do you want to have a say in how our local government operates? Now is your chance to make a difference!

The City of Greenbelt is forming a Charter Review Task Force to evaluate and recommend changes to our city's charter. We are looking for dedicated residents who are eager to contribute their time and expertise to this important process.

Submit an application at the following link: <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/boards-committees/application-for-appointment-to-boards-and-committees>.

For more information or to apply, please contact City Clerk at banderson@greenbeltmd.gov or (301) 474-3870.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In the City of Greenbelt, we remain committed to embracing and celebrating the diversity of all. As our nation undergoes change, feelings of pride, uncertainty, and even fear may arise. Yet, we stand firm in the pledge that has defined Greenbelt since its inception and will not falter.

Learn more at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/know-your-rights-immigration-resources>.

ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM, & PAINT RECYCLING
Saturday, July 26, 9 am - 12 pm
Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent

Electronics Recycling - Accepted: CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, fax machines, wires, power cords. NO - ALKALINE BATTERIES or CFLs; NO - TUBE TVs.

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PINK PANTRY

The Pink Pantry provides free menstrual products to Greenbelt residents, including pads, tampons, and wipes from trusted brands like Cora, Always, Rael, HoneyPot, and more!

To receive these products, register by contacting Brendy Garcia at (202) 670-6497 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR FOR GREENBELT FAMILIES
Tuesday, August 19 from 10 am - 1 pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Join us for a fun and resource-packed Back to School Health Fair! Must be a Greenbelt resident.

To register, contact Brendy Garcia at bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

CEMETERY MASTER PRESERVATION PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING
Wednesday, July 23, 7 pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd

Please join Architectural Historians from Johnson, Mirmiran, and Thompson (JMT) for a public meeting to discuss the upcoming Master Preservation Plan for the Hamilton, Walker, and Turner Cemeteries. JMT will explain the purpose and benefits of preserving cemeteries, why cemetery preservation plans are needed, and provide an update on the project so far. JMT will also be taking suggestions for preservation treatments and programming opportunities from the public to incorporate into the final plan.

For more information please contact Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES
VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Committee on Trees, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, or Youth Advisory Committee** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

DFA Northern Prince George’s County Presents
FREE WEBINARS
Thursdays at 7 pm, Zoom

These webinars are offered by the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program and begin at 7:00 PM via GoTo Webinar.

July 26: Strategies for Improving Communication with Alzheimer’s Diseases
Sept 11: Enhancing Communication with a Person with Dementia
Sept 25: When Words Fade: Caring for Someone with Dementia
Oct 9: Brain Health
Oct 23: Medicare Options for 2026
Nov 6: When is it More than Forgetfulness
Nov 13: A Deep Dive Into The Five Dementias

For more information or to register, contact Brendy Maddox at (202) 670-6497 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

Fused Glass Knobs and Door Pulls. Sunday, June 22, starting at 11 am, *Greenbelt Community Center*. Make fun and functional pieces to decorate your furniture and more. Hardware included. No prior experience needed.

Linoleum Block Printing. Tuesdays, 7/1-8/5, 6:30-8:30pm, *Greenbelt Community Center*. Learn the tools and techniques needed to print your own block relief i

Creative Kids Camp Performs Memory Quest in Central Park 7/18, 10am & 2:15pm, *Greenbelt Community Center*. A group of young cousins explore the famous park, hoping to retrieve memories for their grandmother. For FREE tickets, visit the Greenbelt Community Center business office or call (301) 397-2208. Additional performances on 8/1, and 8/15.

Art Share (Meet-Up) July 18, 7-8pm. *Greenbelt Community Center*. Present and discuss your art in a friendly and supportive environment. FREE. No registration needed, but sign up for updates here: sugeni.us/VEKR.

MORE ARTS IN JUNE

- **Laser Engraved Jewelry Workshop** 7/18 & 7/25, 6-8pm
Greenbelt Community Center
- **Pet Portraits Painting Class** 7/25 & 8/1, 6-8pm
Greenbelt Community Center

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR ARPA PED/BIKE PROJECTS

Throughout the month of July, 2025, a City contractor will begin construction on new and updated pedestrian ramps in advance of Public Works installing marked mid-block crosswalks. Construction will occur in the vicinity of the following five locations and will include removal of parking spaces both for construction and for establishing safe sight distances at the new crosswalks.

- Southway, between Crescent Road and Ridge Road
- Ridge Road, between 31 Ct. and 33 Ct.
- Ridge Road, at the pathway between 33 Ct. and 35 Ct.
- Ridge Road, at the pathway adjacent to 43 Ct.
- Hillside Road north of Crescent Road

Please contact Jaime Fearer, Assistant Director of Planning, with questions at jfearer@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2040.

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- **July 26**, Largo Government Center, 9200 Basil Court, Largo
- **August 16**, Largo Government Center, 9200 Basil Court, Largo
- **September 13**, Accokeek Library, 15773 Livingston Road, Accokeek
- **September 27**, Surrattsville High School, 9200 Basil Court, Clinton
- **October 11**, Dr. Henry Wise High School, 12650 Brooke Lane, Upper Marlboro
- **October 25**, High Point High School, 13601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville

See list of accepted items at environment.mypgc.us/wastefacilities

CAREGIVER NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Your feedback will help us better understand your needs and how we can support you. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/4e5F6ds to get started! **The deadline to complete the survey is September 3.**

For more information, contact Brendy Garcia at (202) 670-6497 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

Brought to you by Dementia Friendly America, The Maryland Umbrella Group, Prince George's County Health Department, and the City of Greenbelt.

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

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all with a characteristic wit that may have something to do with her British origins. “I was bamboozled,” she says of the way her family got her to join them that night while keeping her in the dark.

“They promised me dinner with my children and my grandchildren at the Festival,” she remembers. With her family living over 50 miles away and not often in town she thought it was odd that they’d decided to come all the way for dinner so she was “90 percent surprised” when she found out.

She adjusts herself in her seat at a desk in the Greenbelt News Review newsroom. Shaded windows span the length of the wall and filter in light that catches the highlights in her hair and her eyelashes. They keep the shades down because of how strong the sun is, she explains. What follows are her responses to questions about the award and her reflections on what it means to serve.

What was your reaction to being selected?

I was quite struck by it, stunned that it happened. I felt delighted because mostly I try to keep behind the scenes. I don’t strut around claiming credit for things. It was very affirming that the things I’d done for many years had been noticed, had added up to something in people’s minds. I think I’m a born volunteer. I felt my help was needed so I ought to help.

Tell us more about helping.

Some feel shy and some don’t feel as strong a pull to help. Recognition of an Outstanding Citizen does set an example for other people. It gives them some sort of reference for doing public service, whatever that public service is. And it’s often quite different for different people. I feel it’s an encouragement to people to help, but I don’t think anybody helps just to be the outstanding citizen. It really didn’t cross my mind. The newspaper has a league of outstanding citizens. Like Mary Lou Williamson [editor of the Greenbelt News Review].

How are you staying young? Is it related to service?

Oh, I think it is. It’s about staying busy, staying engaged,

having to learn new things to keep up. I’ve learned new technologies. I post things on the website, design things, do a lot of quite sophisticated work with Excel. I just figured if it was possible you can find out how to do it. I just bang around until I find something in the right direction. It’s a quest.

What have you been doing since receiving the award?

The same things I was doing before. I do a lot of background work for the News Review in a business sense, in a process sense. How to organize ourselves more effectively, how to strategize. Whatever is necessary to help make decisions.

I write proposals for nonprofit groups. I’ve done that for the Co-op, News Review and Farmers Market.

Advice for volunteers?

When you volunteer to help, you’re perhaps more effective if you volunteer to do the work you know how to do. But I think you should also look to see what’s needed and see how you can do that, even if it’s something you don’t necessarily feel attuned to do. If an organization needs clerical support, do that even if it’s not your favorite thing. It’s just as affirming, even more so, because it’s for the greater good.

You can have fun while giving service because the fun might be at right angles to other things you’re engaged in. You can have fun with the people and you can make a difference.

You can change the way things are done. You can make them better. We use a lot less work to get a paper out than was once the case. No one’s here till midnight anymore as they used to be.

If you could add something to Greenbelt, what would it be?

I wouldn’t add an institution; I would change an attitude perhaps. If more people volunteered, that would connect them better with the city and their neighbors. If they live here and work here and don’t engage with the community, they don’t realize how much they’re missing, how much more engaged they would be in life. If you don’t put something in you don’t get anything much out. That’s kind of my view of

life. Even if it’s only two hours a month, you probably have time to do that.

Who should be next?

So many possibilities, from the News Review, Farmers Market, the Rays on the Roof Campaign.

What do you do just for fun? Have you experienced anything new or different?

Becoming a great-grandmother. So there’s that. I can ski and I can ride a bike. We go to Europe and cycle from city to city along small roads. In fact, I’m giving a talk to the Golden Agers in October about how to do a cycle trip in Europe when you’re no longer 25.

I’ve actually written some books. The one that may get published is a children’s book for the 9-to-12-year-old age group, based on a local story. In 2005 a car came off the road on Powder Mill and went down into a chasm, a drainage ditch where you couldn’t see it from the road. Fortunately, it didn’t rain enough to fill up the ditch. A man finally emerged a week later from the car. He had been unconscious and concussed, but finally climbed out on the eighth day. A woman and her daughter picked him up; people had been hunting for him for a week. In my story he’s helped to survive by the animals.

The other one is a mystery story about a guy who was murdered in a vacuum chamber in Goddard Space Flight Center.

U.S. Officials Say They May Deport Abrego Garcia Before Trial

by Will Hammann

U.S. immigration officials have said that Kilmar Abrego Garcia could be deported before his trial to a country where he’s never lived, saying he is a threat to the community.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Assistant Director Thomas Giles said that Mexico or South Sudan may be willing to take Abrego Garcia if deported, but added that the Trump administration has not determined a destination. At the July 11 hearing in Greenbelt’s federal district court, lawyers for Abrego Garcia argued that sending him to a third country could serve to send him back to El Salvador indirectly, as he could be deported there from those countries instead of directly from the U.S.

U.S. District Judge Paula Xinis repeatedly rebuked Justice Department lawyers at the July 11 hearing for refusing to clearly detail the administration’s plans for Abrego Garcia, at one point saying that getting answers from them was “like trying to nail Jell-O to a wall.”

Abrego Garcia has been detained in Tennessee since his return from El Salvador on June 6 to face charges of human smuggling stemming from a 2022 traffic stop, to which he has pleaded not guilty.

He was previously determined neither a flight risk nor a danger by a federal judge in Nashville, but his defense asked the judge to delay his release out of concerns that he would be deported. For the same reason, they now ask Xinis to either delay his release further or temporarily bar the administration from beginning removal proceedings altogether.

The Trump administration admitted to mistakenly deporting Abrego Garcia in March, and defied orders from judges to facilitate his return, claiming that he was out of their jurisdiction while in Salvadoran custody – yet he was promptly released after U.S. officials presented a warrant for his arrest.

A document filed in federal district court July 9 says Abrego Garcia suffered “severe beatings, severe sleep deprivation, inadequate nutrition and psychological torture” while detained at CECOT, El Salvador’s megaprison built by President Nayib Bukele.

Bukele has denied those allegations, but multiple human rights organizations and members of the United Nations have criticized the facility’s treatment of inmates.

Protestors continue to gather outside the federal court in Greenbelt during the hearings in Abrego Garcia’s case.

Will Hammann is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.

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troop, the people who donated to help fund my project and the staff of the Greenbelt Recreation Department. I hope that my proj-

ect will allow many other people of all ages to enjoy the Youth Center as much as I have.

Noah Eubanks



Volunteers from Scout Troop 214B help Noah Eubanks (second from right) on his Eagle Scout project.

Nominate the Next Outstanding Citizen

Do you know someone who quietly strengthens Greenbelt through service, creativity or leadership? The Outstanding Citizen Award is your chance to shine a light on a neighbor who makes a difference. It's an opportunity to honor those who give their time, heart and energy to making Greenbelt outstanding.

Nominations close on Monday, July 28. See the nomination form on page 9.

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BEST WASHINGTONIAN 2025

Nigerian Hit Film Premieres To Sold-out Crowd at Cinema

by Jason Inanga

On Sunday, July 6, the Greenbelt Cinema played host to a sold-out audience at the U.S. premiere of one of the most popular Nigerian films released this year, *Aso Ebi Diaries*, produced by Laide Daramola (of Lady Laide Studios), a Nigerian American resident of Prince George’s County.

Initially released in the middle of April this year, it became an instant box office hit in Nigeria and then Ghana. Trailers of the film appeared on social media and helped to drive its popularity and success.

According to Daramola, “The film is a celebration of our culture, our people and our traditions. With Afrobeats [music] and African culture going global, I wanted to create a film that helps both Africans and the rest of the world understand the heart behind what we do, especially when it comes to *Aso Ebi*.”

“*Aso Ebi* is more than just matching fabric – it’s about unity. From weddings to birthdays, baby dedications to funerals, we show up in style, in sync and in celebration. Each outfit is a unique expression of joy, love and identity. That’s who we are, a people of beauty, art and community,” she added.

Mayor Emmett Jordan was among attendees and in a brief comment, he said, “What better place to have the East Coast premiere of this film, than here in Greenbelt. Our strength in this



Mayor Emmett Jordan is interviewed on the red carpet by emcee Yinka Tyson.

town is in the diversity we have. We [Greenbelt] are proud to host a large African community. Everyone is welcome here.”

Speaking further, Jordan said that the Greenbelt Cinema carries a lot of history. It has existed since 1938 and the screen the movie premiered on is the largest in Prince George’s County.

Jordan sat in the audience with other patrons, enjoying the film and the ambience.

Daramola expressed appreciation to Jordan and others for participating. She apologized to those who were unable to attend the sold-out showing. She indicated that this was the first of what will be many stops for the film in the United States. “We are looking at showing the film in Houston next,” Daramola added.

A patron at the event, Anita, said in a brief interview, “I am not Nigerian. I love the Nigerian [Nollywood] movies and have been watching them for years. I love the outfits they wear – that’s what got me started. Now I am a big fan of the industry.” Another attendee, Deborah, also said that attending the premiere of the movie was her first time watching a Nigerian film.

A trailer of the film is available on YouTube. Follow Lady Laide Studios on YouTube to get regular updates and see other productions by Daramola.

PGCPS Shares Cost and Plans For New Bus Tracking System

by Ellie Jornlin

As Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) prepares to phase in its new bus tracking app, Chipmunk (see the July 10 issue), district officials share more information on the cost and functionality of the system.

Chipmunk, operated by Bus-Planner, will provide “precise ETAs, stop notifications and real-time updates,” according to the PGCPS Board Action Summary. “The system will also support tablets on board school buses, allowing drivers to input data to ensure accurate ETAs and stop notifications.”

The full transition to Chipmunk comes at the one-year cost of approximately \$3.2 million. That cost includes the Department of Transportation plans to install tablets on approximately 1,250 school buses, at an estimated hardware cost of \$1.875 million. The software cost is projected at \$1.3 million for the first year, according to the summary.

“This investment is essential to modernize the district’s transportation infrastructure and enable the platform’s full capabilities,” said Senior Public Information Specialist Lynn McCawley.

The current bus tracking app, StopFinder, was provided at no cost to the district as it was paid for through a partnership with BusPatrol, which has a contract for cameras on the buses’ stop arms (see the February 6 issue), a contract that was flagged in a recent audit.

While PGCPS promises the app will be effective, it currently holds only a 1.5-star rating on

Google Play and a 1.2-star rating in Apple’s App Store, ratings that are lower than StopFinder.

“We understand that parents may have concerns. However, this is more than a change in apps. It’s part of a complete overhaul of our transportation technology,” McCawley told the News Review. “To support families, we’re improving communication, expanding help desk support and providing training and updates. We’re also investing in technology and staffing to reduce past frustrations.”

Besides Chipmunk, other apps considered were My Ride K-12 by Tyler Technologies, Here Comes the Bus and WheresTheBus.

Chipmunk will be released on a three-phase schedule. Pilot testing and staff training will take place in summer 2025, followed by initial implementation with special education programs in the first semester of the 2025-26 school year. Full district wide adoption is planned for the second semester.

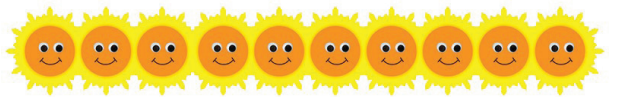
Ellie Jornlin is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.



Proteus Bicycles in College Park, owned by longtime Greenbelt resident Laurie Lemieux, is home to a Little Free Library, Art Gallery and now, the newest addition, the Little Free Seed Library. The art gallery and book library were built and donated by Millie Tansill, who is often found in the Community Center’s pottery studios, and her husband, George. Another generous Proteus customer, Sharon, donated the Seed Library.



The SPACE’s Shaymar Higgs works with a recent cohort of the Artrepreneurship program.



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Dr. Dianna Lee, Dr. Clayton McCarl, and Dr. Richard Duarte are licensed general dentists.

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\$1.3 billion, which is still much better for GSFC and NASA as a whole than the \$3.4 billion cut in the President’s budget request.

Future of the CJS Bill

The bipartisan support for funding NASA Science is good news for NASA and especially GSFC. However, the bill has a way to go. Both the Senate and House need to move their versions of the CJS bill out of committee and onto the floors of their respective chambers for debate, amendments and voting. If differing versions are passed, a committee with members from each chamber will have to reconcile them. Then the bill will go back for final passage and, if approved, on to the president for his signature (or veto). Congress can override a veto with a two-thirds vote.

The next fiscal year begins on October 1.

If Trump desires to make deep cuts to NASA, it’s unclear how secure NASA and GSFC employ-

ees could feel, even with Congressional funding, particularly after watching the dismantling of the U.S. Agency for International Development without Congressional input. “That’s a huge concern,” said one source at NASA Headquarters, particularly with Sean Duffy as the Acting Administrator of the agency. Duffy, already Trump’s Transportation Secretary, was appointed on July 9.

Impact on Greenbelt

“We are monitoring the federal budget process and the discussions around workforce reductions very closely. Our federal and state representatives are working tirelessly to prevent these proposed cuts,” said Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan.

“The proposed federal cuts and workforce reductions carry far-reaching implications for Greenbelt,” Jordan told the News Review. “Local income tax receipts, commercial and retail revenues, housing demand and the office space market could all

be affected,” he said.

According to data from the U.S. Census, in 2023 Greenbelt was home to 1,357 federal employees, over 14 percent of Greenbelt’s 9,599 workers. Greenbelt is home to a substantial number of Goddard contractors and federal civil servants, said Jordan, who has been told there may be twice as many contractors as civil servants at GSFC. City Councilmember Kristen Weaver is herself a contractor at GSFC and was unable to comment. “Several Goddard contracting firms maintain office space here in the city,” said Jordan. “However, contractor employment is project-based, causing these numbers to frequently change.”

One civil servant working at GSFC told the News Review most of their colleagues fear for their jobs and are applying for other positions. Last month then Acting Administrator Janet Petro announced a new Deferred Resignation Program, Voluntary Early

Retirement and Voluntary Separation Incentive Program, as the Science Mission Directorate was asked to plan for a 50 percent reduction (see the June 12 issue).

GESTA, the labor union representing approximately 1,700 federal scientists, engineers and technicians employed at GSFC and two other centers, said Trump’s proposed funding cuts would be “catastrophic.” “If the proposed NASA budget cuts are realized, the loss of this highly specialized workforce, both within the federal government and with our partners in industry and academia, and the loss to our nation’s technical and scientific knowledge could take generations to rebuild,” said GESTA in a written statement.

“The Trump Administration’s 2026 federal budget request asks for an unprecedented reduction to the NASA budget, shrinking it to the lowest levels since 1961, prior to the start of the Apollo program,” said GESTA. “The requested cuts represent an existential threat to our nation’s leadership in Space and Earth Sciences, including about 50 percent cuts

to those programs (50 percent to Earth Sciences, 30 percent to Planetary Science, 66 percent to Astrophysics and 46 percent to Heliophysics).”

Impact on the Next Generation

“The budget would also zero out NASA’s STEM Engagement programs, through which NASA educates, inspires and brings NASA to the next generation,” said GESTA. The next generation of NASA scientists and technicians are already being impacted as internship programs, such as Pathways, are unable to offer the “direct pipelines to full-time employment at NASA upon graduation” as intended. The current cohort is finding themselves unlikely to land the civil servant positions they were training for.

Weather, Food Impacts

In addition to the space exploration it is known for, NASA provides climate and weather data and modeling used to predict severe weather events and impacts on food production. It also contributes to the economy; in 2023, the most recent year with such

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way to carry out our mission to protect the American people and uphold the Constitution,” said FBI Director Kash Patel in a press release.

Backlash

This decision sparked backlash from Maryland officials, as the site in Greenbelt had been determined as the best fit in November 2023 after a very competitive process.

“It’s an issue with missed opportunities. The back and forth, the ongoing uncertainty about the relocation, it’s been a real impediment to our local economy, to the progress that could have been made,” said Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan.

In response, Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) proposed an amendment to block the use of federal money to relocate the headquarters anywhere but Greenbelt. The amendment narrowly passed in a 15 to 14 vote with Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) crossing party lines to back the proposal.

“Last week the Trump Administration notified the Congress of its intent to poach funding intended for the new, competitively-selected FBI Headquarters in Greenbelt, Maryland, in order to permanently relocate the Bureau within the Ronald Reagan

Building,” said Van Hollen in a statement. “This unauthorized use of funds is directly at odds with what has been passed by the Congress on a bipartisan basis and sets a dangerous precedent for executive overreach into Congress’s power of the purse. The Administration has also not provided any information around the total cost of the project or whether it will meet the Bureau’s security needs.”

Greenbelt Site Benefits

If built in Greenbelt, the headquarters would be located near the Greenbelt Metro Station and would bring significant economic benefits to Prince George’s County and the state of Maryland.

Governor Wes Moore estimated in 2023 that relocating the FBI to Greenbelt would generate 7,500 local jobs and more than

\$4 billion in economic activity, according to Streetcar Suburbs News. This would not only positively impact Greenbelt, but also surrounding cities such as College Park and Berwyn Heights.

“Our city stands ready to partner with the federal government and the FBI to ensure the new headquarters is constructed efficiently and becomes an integral part of our community,” a City of Greenbelt press release said. “We look forward to the economic growth and job opportunities this project will bring to Prince George’s County, and we are proud to contribute to strengthening our nation’s security.”

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Court Potluck



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The 33 Court of Ridge had a court potluck in the far-away, exotic location of their own common area on June 29.



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Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported two deaths, one sexual assault, one incident involving Child Protective Services and four domestic incidents, one resulting in arrest. A missing girl was returned safely.

First-degree Assault

On July 10 at 7:35 p.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, contractors were occupying a car that was parked, blocking traffic and parking spaces. When a resident asked them to move, one of the contractors exchanged words and displayed a knife at the resident who was trying to park. They were gone before the police arrived, and no one was injured.

Armed Robbery

On July 8 at 11:03 a.m. near 6920 Hanover Parkway, three men presented a handgun, stole property and fled in a gray sedan; at 1:11 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Frankfort Drive, a woman observed an armed robbery at the bus stop. She saw the suspects take the victims' shoes and flee in a Volkswagen sedan.

Disorderly

On July 11 at 4:37 p.m. near 7533 Greenbelt Road, a man consuming alcohol in public and being disorderly was arrested and taken to Upper Marlboro Department of Corrections.

Theft and Shoplifting

On July 7 at 8:39 a.m. near 7501 Greenway Center Drive, items were taken from an office but there were no signs of a break-in.

On July 8 near 6980 Hanover Parkway, a delivered package went missing.

On July 10 near 6301 Golden Triangle Drive, someone stole a DoorDash order worth under \$15.

On July 11 at 10:59 p.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, a man was detained after he concealed items in his backpack and walked out of the store. All items were returned and the man was banned.

On July 11 at 2:06 p.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road, a man grabbed several items and walked out without paying; at 3:26 p.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, a group of four women stole merchandise.

On July 12 at 4:40 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man asked to look at a gaming system. When the employee brought it out, the man took it from the counter and left.

On July 13 at 8:47 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man stole merchandise and fled; at 10:08 a.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a man was stopped after stealing merchandise and was issued a criminal citation; at 3:29 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, two young children grabbed items and walked out without paying.

Vandalism

On July 9 near 50 Crescent Road, someone pulled out the flowers planted in front of a residential building.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

Five vehicles were stolen: on July 8 near 6400 Ivy Lane, a 2019 Infiniti Q50 (Md. 8DF6697); at 12:56 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a 2017 Nissan van (Md. 1EE1733), left running and someone jumped in; on July 10 near 9112 Spring-

hill Lane, a 2013 White Acura ILX (Md. A403067), and near 7303 Morrison Drive, a red 2011 Hyundai Sonata (Md. 5BM4630); and on July 12 near 7501 Mandan Road, a 2022 Toyota Corolla (Fla. 75EGKA).

Stolen Vehicles Recovered

On July 8 at 5:28 p.m. near 6225 Springhill Court, a stolen Hyundai was recovered by Prince George's County Police.

On July 9 at 10:00 p.m. near 7845 Emilys Way, two teenagers jumped in and stole a vehicle while the driver was delivering packages. The driver had GPS information and officers located the vehicle nearby; when they converged on the car, one person fled on foot and escaped.

On July 9 near 7848 Emilys Way, officers on patrol found a stolen Hyundai Elantra.

On July 13 at 12:43 a.m. near 9159 Springhill Lane, a Hyundai Sonata was left running in the roadway with a broken window and ignition damage.

Attempted Theft of Auto

Three Hyundais had damage to ignition and window or door handles, consistent with attempted theft: on July 8 near 9154 Springhill Court, a 2013 Elantra; and near 5906 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2017 Hyundai; and on July 10 near 7800 Somerset Court, a 2016 Santa Fe Sport.

Tampering Arrest

On July 10 at 9:21 a.m. near 7832 Emilys Way, a teen was seen tampering with a Hyundai Elantra and broke its door handle. He tried to flee but officers caught him. He was identified by the witness, taken to the station, charged via juvenile petition and released to his guardian.

Theft from Auto

Hondas were targeted for wheels and airbags. Wheels were stolen on July 10 from a Civic near 7480 Greenway Center Drive; on July 12 from a 2022 Civic near 7716 Hanover Parkway; and from two Honda Pilots near 7501 Mandan Road. Airbags were stolen on July 10 from Civics: a 2017 near 7807 Mandan Road, and a 2020 near 7826 Hanover Parkway.

Tags were stolen July 8 near 5921 Cherrywood Terrace; July 9 near 9003 Breezewood Terrace; and July 10 near 219 Lakeside

Drive.

On July 9 near 6305 Ivy Lane, center wheel caps were stolen from a 2021 VW Passat.

On July 10 near 7708 Hanover Parkway, a 2016 Civic had a window broken and items stolen.

On July 10 near 6982 Hanover Parkway, a parking pass and other items were taken from a vehicle.

Vandalism to Auto

On July 7 at 15:40 p.m. near 9144 Edmonston Road, parked cars were damaged by bullets; detectives and evidence staff responded.

On July 8 near 7903 Mandan Road, a man saw someone around his vehicle, and then found his vehicle with a smashed windshield.

On July 10 near 6924 Hanover Parkway, a window was broken on a 2019 Toyota Camry.

Large Police Presence on Ridge

In the early morning of Tuesday, July 15, there was police presence from multiple agencies and jurisdictions at 112 Ridge Road, a large single family home near the intersection with Lastner Lane.

Greenbelt Police Department spokesperson Ricardo Dennis confirmed to the News Review that there was police activity at that address and that Greenbelt Police Department was one of the agencies involved in a joint operation.

More information is anticipated but was not available at time of press. Dennis was able to confirm that they were not working with anyone from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).



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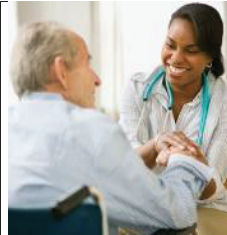
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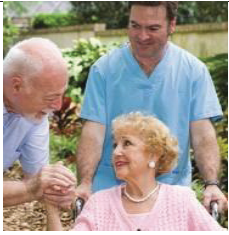
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data, “NASA provided a total economic output to our nation of \$75.6 billion, representing a return on taxpayers’ investment, if measured only in economic terms, of 3x,” said GESTA.

“We urgently ask for Congress and the public’s support in rejecting these proposed cuts, retaining U.S. leadership in Space and Earth Sciences, and keeping the dreams of NASA alive for future generations,” said GESTA in a written statement.

Meanwhile, Greenbelt’s City

Council and City Manager “have taken a very conservative approach to revenue projections and have allocated additional resources to support residents, particularly with food and housing assistance,” said Jordan on Tuesday. “We are working with regional agencies to provide workforce development resources for displaced workers (Employ Prince George’s) and local organizations to assist affected families. The city will continue to advocate for our residents.”



Plea for Protesters

by Casey McGrath



Please join our group, NASA Needs Help, for a Save NASA protest on Sunday, July 20, 2 to 6 p.m. We previously organized a protest in front of NASA Headquarters in D.C. on June 30. We are a peaceful protest group and we stand in solidarity with other scientific advocacy groups.

This time, we are gathering on the historically appropriate Moon Day, the anniversary of the first human to set foot on the surface of the Moon, to try and save the Agency that has inspired the world.

This protest intends to raise public awareness and provide information about present and near-future cuts at NASA, and to demand that the Trump administration (including OMB, the Office of Management and Budget, and DOGE) cease all pressure on NASA and allow Congress to pass the next budget.

Current NASA leadership is already acting on the President’s and OMB’s proposed budget by beginning to greatly reduce the number of civil servants and contractors, which will be detrimental to the mission of this Agency. Cuts to NASA’s science budget will drastically hinder its ability to produce science from current and future missions. To win the Space Race to the Moon, NASA was prioritized and appropriated \$68 billion in 1965 alone (adjusted for inflation). In 2026, with goals to reach Mars, NASA’s proposed budget is only \$18.8 billion. Some of the cuts to NASA science involve turning off spacecraft that are already in space and actively sending back data. NASA contributes to agriculture, weather predictions and safety. Without NASA Earth science, early detection for natural disasters and forecasting would be imprecise and difficult.

Current protest details are listed below. We are securing a protest permit, and we will add updated details on the time/location to our website: <https://sites.google.com/view/nasaneedshelp>.

Sunday, July 20, 2025 at (primary option) Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Park, across from the Air and Space Museum, 540 Independence Ave S.W., Washington, D.C., or (back-up option) outside NASA Headquarters, 300 E. St. S.W., Washington, D.C.

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Sports

Greenbelt's Barracudas Finish Swim Season with Two Wins, Three Losses

On Saturday, July 5, the Greenbelt Municipal Swim team competed against Belair Swim and Racquet Club at another hot meet in Bowie. Belair's Barracudas defeated Greenbelt's Barracudas in a fairly close score of 302.5 to 272.5 after 49 events.

Saturday, July 12, Greenbelt's second "home" meet was hosted an hour away in Indian Head due to the limited availability of the Greenbelt pool during the indoor pool construction. The team swam hard and cheered loudly, with several swimmers setting personal records in a sweltering heat for the last meet of the season. Ultimately, Indian Head Swim Team finished the season undefeated but

Greenbelt fought hard against the division favorite, winning several events and earning 255 points to Indian Head's 315.

Greenbelt's swim team finishes the regular season with two wins and three losses. This summer the Barracudas worked hard, training alternately in the mornings and evenings when lanes were available, and they celebrated a new head coach (see the July 3 issue).

This coming Saturday Greenbelt's top two swimmers in each stroke in each age group (under 8, 9-12, 13-19) will head to Divisionals in Bowie to compete against other Division C teams' fastest swimmers.

Pool Renovations



As part of the indoor pool renovations (see story on page 1), the outdoor wading pool is being repaired to fix a leak.

New Soccer Field



New soccer field and fencing at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway. One million dollars in ARPA funds were designated for soccer field improvements at Schrom Hills (see story in the February 21, 2024 issue).

Youth Baseball Little League



Blake Inzeo, #9, and the Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League finished their season with a record of 11 wins, 4 losses and 2 ties. The players are 13- and 14-year-old boys; their head coach was Ben Friedman from Greenbelt.

Makerspace Holds Free Repair Café on July 19

The next free Greenbelt Makerspace Repair Café is on Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Granite Building, 115 Centerway. Come learn how to repair tired or broken stuff (experienced and novice volunteers needed). Bring clothing, furniture, appliances, computers, jewelry, toys, etc. for the challenge of making it useful again. See tools. greenbeltmakers.org for more information.

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Climate Change Is a Local Issue: Outlook for Prince George’s County

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This month the country witnessed and mourned devastating loss of life in the flooding that hit Texas and this week numerous additional flash flood warnings paused recovery efforts there. This week in Maryland a flood watch was issued for much of the state. Federal climate change data shows extreme heat, flooding and severe weather are set to increase across the country. The changes Maryland is likely to face due to climate change are detailed in the federal government’s fifth National Climate Assessment – but the Trump administration deleted all that data from the internet on June 30. However, the Local News Network at the University of Maryland’s Philip Merrill College of Journalism had already downloaded the data and are using it as the basis for a series of stories.

Since the 20th century, temperatures in the state have risen around 2.5 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. But it’s more than just heat. Federal data shows the state is experiencing increasing precipitation, a higher probability of summer droughts, more extreme weather events and flooding accompanied with rising sea levels.

The impact of climate change on the state is as varied as its landscape. From vast forests and rolling farms that line the Eastern Shore to the 80.9 square miles of Baltimore City scattered with heat islands, different areas of the state will be affected by climate change in vastly different ways.

Here’s a closer look at what’s happening to the climate, and what’s expected to happen in the Capital Region.

Prince George’s and Montgomery are the two largest counties in the state, and along with Howard County, this region is home to 2.4 million people, according to 2023 U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

While this region will continue to see climbing temperatures, extreme precipitation will remain a major problem. The three counties will see dramatic increases in days with extreme precipitation each year as temperatures rise.

Federal projections show Prince George’s County will see just over six days at or above 95 degrees a year at the lowest levels of temperature increases. At this same level of warming, the county can expect an extra 31 days a year with extreme levels of precipitation.

Over a century of historical data show temperatures rising, and researchers predict a future with higher rates of extreme heat and precipitation, more warm nights and fewer days that dip below freezing.

Annual average temperatures in Prince George’s County have risen, according to 130 years of federal data. The annual average temperature for 2000-2024 is 57



Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department Technical Rescue teams respond to a water rescue call on August 10, 2022, at Parke Crescent Apartments in Greenbelt.

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degrees Fahrenheit (F). That’s two degrees warmer than the 20th century mean of 55°F. The county’s warmest years were 2024 and 2012. Both had an average temperature of 58.8°F. Scientists predict a range of future impacts in Prince George’s County if the planet continues to warm. An interactive map published by the U.S. Global Change Research Program and its partners – but later removed from the web by the Trump administration – used climate models to predict county-level changes at different degrees of global warming. The Local News Network at the University of Maryland’s Philip Merrill College of Journalism archived that data before it was deleted. The data shows that with 2.7°F global warming, Prince George’s County

is predicted to experience:
31 more days per year with extreme precipitation
Six more days per year with temperatures over 95°F
14 more nights per year with temperatures over 70°F
14 fewer days per year with temperatures under 32°F
With 3.6°F global warming, Prince George’s County is predicted to experience:
34 more days per year with extreme precipitation
13 more days per year with temperatures over 95°F
24 more nights per year with temperatures over 70°F
23 fewer days per year with temperatures under 32°F.
Note: Data rounded to the nearest whole number.
Changes are compared to data from 1991-2020: for example, 12 more days per year over 95°F means 12 more days compared to the 1991-2020 average.

The federal climate atlas measures global warming by comparing Earth’s average temperatures to those measured from 1851-1900, called the “pre-industrial average.” The Earth is 2°F warmer than the pre-industrial average, according to NOAA.

Climate models used by the National Climate Assessment predict increases in average temperature and precipitation. The U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit (run by the U.S. Global Change Research Program and NOAA) also predicts more rain, though it notes that “global climate models are simply not as skillful at projecting outcomes for precipitation as they are for temperature.”

This report has been edited for length and local focus.

Heat Predictions for Prince George's County

Projections from the National Climate Assessment predict more days over 95°F, more nights above 70°F, and fewer days at or below freezing. Changes are expected to be more significant with higher levels of global warming.

2.7°F Global Warming 3.6°F Global Warming 5.4°F Global Warming 7.4°F Global Warming

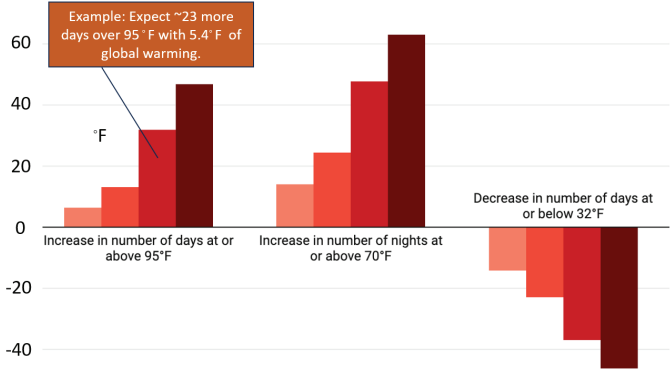


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Prince George's County Yearly Average Temperature, 1895-2024

The yearly average temperature in Prince George's County has trended upwards since 1895, according to NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information. The federal data points to a 0.2°F rise per decade, or a 2.3°F rise per century.

— 12-month average temperature (°F)

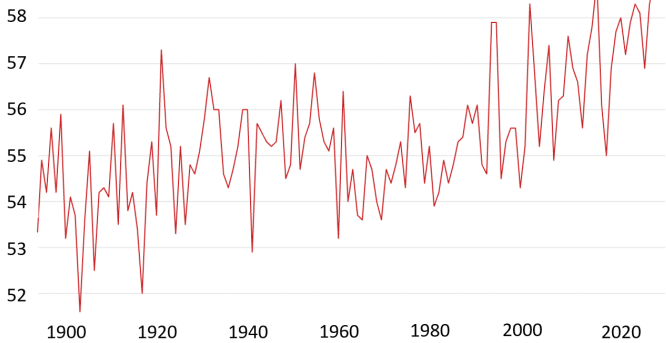


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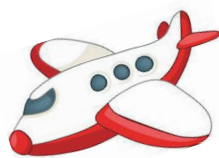
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Ben Greene and his wife Raven Holm of Eastway visited Somerset, England, for gardening guru Charles Dowding’s No Dig Gardening day course.



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Neshama Solomon and Harry Schomberg recently traveled across the country and back to, among other things, see all the National Parks in Utah. Their son Aaron Solomon and his girlfriend Meghan Lotierzo are with Neshama and Harry on the Fairyland Loop Trail in Bryce Canyon National Park on May 21.



Lannay Tull poses with the Greenbelt News Review in Hong Kong in December 2024. The paper also traveled with her through Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.



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Fred Edwords with the News Review in historic Fairmount, Indiana